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The Indonesian Situation
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1. In a presidential order broadcast over Radio Djakarta today, Sukarno called for the removal of all civilian government employees directly or indirectly involved in the 30 September movement.
2. The announcement, which specifically cited members of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) and its mass affiliates, was in essence identical to Defense Minister Nasution's call yesterday for a purge of all doubtful elements within the armed forces.
3. The army has already undertaken a sweeping purge of government departments, but Sukarno's formal approval of the action represents a psychological victory for the military.
4. The fact that the order was signed by army commander Suharto on behalf of Sukarno indicates the degree of army pressure Sukarno is under. The army leadership can now be expected to strongly press Sukarno to permanently ban the PKI. Sukarno's reaction to this pressure may be revealed at his 20 November meeting with military regional commanders.
5. As part of the continuing army pressure on Sukarno another large anti-Communist rally in Djakarta has been scheduled for tomorrow.

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